

OFFICIAL MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2016 7:00PM  
CITY OF GUNNISON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Erik Niemeyer	X		
Erich Ferchau	X		
Andy Tocke	X		
Bob Beda	X		
Sharon Cave	X		
Greg Larson	X		
Councilor Matt Schwartz	X		

OTHERS PRESENT: Community Development Director Steve Westbay, Planner Andie Ruggera, Planning Technician Michelle Spain

**I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY CHAIR GREG LARSON**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**III. UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS.** There were none.

**IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE DECEMBER 09, 2015 MEETING MINUTES.**

Commissioner Cave moved, and Commissioner Niemeyer seconded, to approve the December 09, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call Yes: Beda, Ferchau, Larson, Schwartz, Niemeyer, Cave

Roll Call No:

Roll Call Abstain:

Absent for vote: Tocke

Motion carried

Commissioner Tocke entered the meeting.

**V. COUNCIL UPDATE.** Councilman Schwartz commenced his review.

- December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting reviewed. A memorandum of agreement with the chamber was reviewed. Since The December meeting, on January 12<sup>th</sup> it was approved. Public hearings were held for 3 Marijuana Retail stores. RFSCG LLC, MissKat Inc., Colorado Cannabis Cabin. All passed by majority vote of Council.
- Safe Streets will now move on to a 30% of design for the engineers to complete. Mediums, mid-block crosswalks, improved cross walks, parking protected bike lanes on the Tomichi Avenue corridor and bulb outs. On the Main St corridor mediums, summer park lets, bulb outs. The Governor has announced all of the bicycle monies that are now available. We will be shovel ready by then and possibly first in line for these funds. Commissioner Ferchau asked to review items on the Safe Street program. What is the process going forward? Will the general public get to comment on the design? Director Westbay responded that we will definitely want the public's input on this project. It is a substantial change and we will be knocking door to door on Main Street for comments to this plan. The first step is the outreach to CDOT. There will be a phone conference with

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CDOT Region 3 engineering staff next Friday and we will discuss the details of the proposal that Council has requested. To get to the 30% design it will take at least 60 days. They will be working on some key intersections so this may take longer with CDOT. Commissioner Ferchau asked if the ultimate decision will be placed as a public vote. Director Westbay responded no vote, but certainly public input will be requested. Commissioner Ferchau stated that this was a good winter to remind all of us about winters in this area and how streets need to be structured.

- Councilman Schwartz continued with the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Mark Achen was appointed as interim City Manager. Mr. Achen's employment package was reviewed.
- January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting approved consent addenda, all minutes, and designating the lobby of the City Municipal building as the official posting area of all meetings. Council discussed and confirmed various Council board assignments. OVPP was discussed. Various stages of OVPP will be divided up for the Council members to participate.
- Commissioner Niemeyer asked about the condition of the roads at this time. Where is the City at this time for further cleaning? Councilman Schwartz responded that Ken Coleman had reported that the City was prepared to start cleaning curbs. Councilman Schwartz reiterated that the cold temperatures have hindered these efforts. Director Westbay responded that he will go to Tex, the Director of Public Works, and ask about this. Commissioner Larson asked about cleaning the ends of the alleys. It has not warmed up yet and they are short staffed at this time. Director Westbay will get an update from public works and email all of the members. Commissioner Ferchau indicated that the ice is very dangerous at this time. Commissioner Ferchau questioned the procedure of plowing to the center of the streets. Councilman Schwartz indicated that he would be discussing with the City Manager the enforcement of sidewalk shoveling in the Central Business District.

**VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS.**

- Commissioner Tocke also noticed that the streets are icy. On January 31st there will be an ice skating race at Blue Mesa Reservoir. The tract at Elk Creek Marina is plowed and groomed. The format of the event was discussed. This should be a fun event for our community. This may be in conjunction with the Kenny Mack race.
- Councilman Schwartz indicated that it was an interesting day with OVPP.

**VII. PLANNING STAFF UPDATE.** Director Westbay started his review.

- Director Westbay has been coordinating with the County Emergency services on the various ice jams. The area west of town, at Never Sink, is also being watched. Director Westbay has notified CDOT of this situation. The code Reds are being executed and Emergency services is doing a great job. Commissioner Ferchau asked if this were unique this year. Director Westbay was not sure why this is happening. Commissioner Beda indicated that the cold real fast with the water still flowing may be the main reason this is happening.
- Gunnison Valley Partners has submitted a draft version of the service plan for a formation of a metro district at Gunnison Rising. An internal review has started. Special council from Denver has been contacted on this. This will be presented at a later time.

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- OVPP is moving forward. Director Westbay is on the housing task force.
- We are currently working with WSCU on the internship program. The business school is very interested in this program.
- Safe Street meeting next week with CDOT. Date and time will be confirmed.
- River Restoration project will have preliminary construction plans and the permit will be submitted as a nationwide permit.
- Councilman Schwartz asked about the trails project east of town. Director Westbay responded that this project is on hold for the winter. 30% complete on the north/south corridor. East/west section is on hold as it is weather related.

Adjourn 07:35pm

**VIII. ADJORN TO WORK SESSION – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – FUTURE  
PLANNING SCENARIO AND VISIONING 07:40 PM**

Attest:

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Greg Larson, Chair

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Michelle Spain, Secretary